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NOCHE DE LA FAMILIA (FAMILY NIGHT) AT SOLVANG LIBRARY Stories and Dishes from South America

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Bring your family to the Solvang Library on Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. for a story time inspired by the culture and stories of South America. Family Night, or Noche de la Familia, at Solvang Library is a mixture of bilingual stories, games, and a nutritious snack, held on the third Thursday of each month. The one-hour event is free and open to the public. The Solvang Library is located at 1745 Mission Drive in Solvang.

The Family Night/Noche program is designed for families with children between the ages of 0 and 6, including their older siblings. Solvang Library's storyteller, Luis Ramirez, and Nicole Pena of Women's Environmental Watch (WE-Watch)'s Healthy Alternatives program team up every month to create a bilingual program in Spanish and English. It is a fun evening for families to learn about the library, share a story, and gain early learning skills to practice with their youngest children. Each month has a different theme with stories and dishes that relate to each other.

"We want to make listening to and telling stories part of the family tradition," said Ramirez. "Each family has so much of their own culture to celebrate, and so much to explore." Families have been enjoying Noche de la Familia since last fall, and many return each month to take part in the fun and educational activities.

Family Night/Noche de la Familia is sponsored by The Friends of the Library of Santa Ynez Valley www.folsyv.com and the Women's Environmental Watch www.we-watch.org, and funded by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians and The Valley Foundation. Special thanks is extended to People Helping People.

All library programs are FREE and open to the public. For more information about Solvang Library programs and services, please call 805-688-4214, or visit the Santa Barbara Public Library System's web site, SBPLibrary.org.

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